



Plant's eye view of an adult male mullein thrips, *Haplothrips (Neoheegeria) verbasci* (Osborn). Scanning electron micrograph taken by G. D. Braybrook and B. S. Heming, Department of Entomology, University of Alberta. The thrips was killed in hot water and prepared using the critical point drying technique. It was coated with carbon and gold to a total thickness of 200 Å and photographed on Kodak Plus-X 120 roll film at 15 Kv on a Cambridge model S4 Stereoscan.

Specimens of this species live on common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus* L.), a plant introduced from Europe and growing on roadsides, overgrazed pastures and other waste places. Because of its availability, this thrips is often used in teaching as an example of the suborder Tubulifera and has been the subject of numerous research papers. Its distribution and life history are summarized by Bailey (1939, Pan.-Pacif. Ent. 15 (3): 111-116).

